

will make up half of the nation's workforce. The preliminary survey will be released in the fall, followed by a book.

Maria is also a vocal advocate for families that—like her own—are struggling with Alzheimer's disease. She was Executive Producer of The Alzheimer's Project, a groundbreaking four-part documentary series that premiered on HBO and won two Emmy Awards. One of the films, "Grandpa, Do you Know Who I Am?" is based on Maria's best-selling children's book dealing with Alzheimer's.

Maria also executive-produced the critically acclaimed "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver." The documentary aired on PBS and chronicled the life, accomplishments, and vision of her father, Sargent Shriver. Maria serves on the advisory board of the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute, which raises public awareness of her father's legacy as a peace builder and offers educational and training programs grounded in the principles of public service that motivate the many programs he created, including the Peace Corps, Job Corps, Head Start, and Legal Services for the Poor. In addition, she serves on the advisory board of the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Las Vegas, a new institute that will serve as a national resource for the most current research and scientific information for the treatment of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases.

With a career in journalism spanning more than 2 decades, Maria has been a network news correspondent and anchor for CBS and NBC, winning Peabody and Emmy Awards. She is the author of six New York Times best-selling books. Maria is also a small business owner. In February of 2008, she launched an ice cream company called Lovin' Scoopful in supermarkets around the country. A portion of the proceeds from Lovin' Scoopful benefits the Special Olympics and other charities.

Maria is a graduate of Georgetown University, with a degree in American Studies. She and Governor Schwarzenegger have four children—Katherine, Christina, Patrick, and Christopher. Maria says, "When all is said and done, my main goal in life is to raise children who feel they are deeply loved . . . children who are kind, compassionate and aware of the world around them. If I can do that, I will consider myself a success."

I wish Maria the best as she continues her important work on behalf of those with Alzheimer's. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF BOISE, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Assistance League® of Boise, Idaho. This outstanding association is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through philanthropic programs in Ada County, Idaho.

Thirty years ago on this day, 73 charter members opened the door to a new philan-

thropic organization, and over time their membership has grown to over 370. Together they provide a multitude of needed services to the community.

The seven philanthropic programs of Assistance League® of Boise focus on helping school age children in need, children and adults with hearing disabilities, and community education.

The members of Assistance League® of Boise have achieved remarkable results in improving the lives of those in need through their innovative and targeted philanthropic programs.

Congratulations to all the members of this fine and outstanding organization on your 30th anniversary. I thank you, the community thanks you, the children and families you have helped thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MILWAUKEE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council was created in July, 1910, in order to represent all working men and women in the trades living in the Greater Milwaukee area. The Council constantly works to assist the local unions it represents, by ensuring justice on the job, achieving the highest wages and fringe benefits possible, and providing quality work for the customer. Milwaukee Building Trades' quality efforts have proven to be effective.

The former presidents listed below have worked tirelessly to fulfill the Milwaukee Building Trades' mission: Peter Schoemann (1932–1952), John Zancanaro (1953–1973), James Elliott (1974–1996), and Lyle Balistreri (1996–present). Under their leadership, the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council truly built Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council helped to make numerous construction initiatives possible. Such community-enhancing projects include: Petit National Ice Center, Bradley Center, Miller Park, Elm Road Generating Station, & the Marquette Interchange.

This organization has provided countless opportunities for members of the Milwaukee community. Promoting apprenticeship programs and training has developed workers capable of addressing the many varied and future labor needs of Milwaukee. Participating in labor-management projects and initiatives has left an excellent example for future building trades leaders. Members of the Milwaukee Building Trades can be proud of the work they do, and have helped shape southeastern Wisconsin.

After one-hundred years of service, the Council deserves praise for its dedication to the labor industry. By exemplifying the balance between collaboration and solidarity, Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council maintains solid working relationships throughout the industry.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to congratulate the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council for one-hundred years of exemplary leadership for local unions and dedication to developing projects in the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I am very proud that the legislation before us includes important new options for high-poverty schools to provide free meals to all students. These new options, known as community eligibility, will reduce hassles for schools and stigma for students. They will allow schools serving our poorest communities to throw open the cafeteria doors and focus on serving the healthiest possible meals to all their students.

Right now, low-income children who qualify for free school lunches have to apply for this program and prove that they are eligible. Schools then have to process the paperwork and certify that the children qualify. But the community eligibility provisions in this bill minimize all that paperwork both for children and for schools. In schools where there are large numbers of children who qualify for free school lunches, schools would have the option to provide free school lunches to all the children in the school. This option is much more efficient—children don't have to worry about whether they qualify for the program, their parents don't have to complete the paperwork, and school personnel can focus on providing the children with the best education instead of processing paperwork. This is a better way and it's the children that benefit the most.

Low-income children contend with so many stressors in their lives, whether it's violence and addiction in their neighborhoods, parents who are working long hours for the basic necessities of living, or the stress children experience when they don't have enough to eat. The community eligibility provision in this bill makes our most disadvantaged children's lives a little easier by transforming their lunchtime experience from one of stress and stigma, to one of easy access to the food they need to develop to their fullest potential. These options are designed to be simple and easy to adopt. USDA must make it as seamless as possible for high-poverty schools to avail themselves of these new options.

The bill that we passed out of the House Committee on Education and Labor directed USDA to provide outreach and informational materials on these new options to local educational agencies and schools in which a significant portion of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals, including those receiving funds for school improvement under section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965. But USDA does not need new authority to reach out to these schools and facilitate their use of community eligibility. Therefore I urge USDA to set policies that welcome high-poverty schools into these options and provide the support and materials to facilitate their implementation.

S. 3307 also includes a demonstration project to explore the use of Medicaid data for automatic enrollment for free school meals. Due to limited funds, the demonstration project in S. 3307 focuses on the use of Medicaid data by selected school districts around the country. However, I urge USDA to use alternative authority to allow California to conduct a statewide demonstration directly certifying children for free school meals based on Medicaid data. California's sophisticated data matching system is fully capable of conducting statewide matches to directly certify these children. A rigorous evaluation of such a demonstration project would help other states implement statewide direct certification using Medicaid data.

I must also express my deep regret that this bill is partly funded by reducing SNAP benefits. Although I support passage of this legislation, I oppose the SNAP cuts it contains, will work to reverse them, and will strongly oppose any further cuts to SNAP benefits.

H. RES. 1631 WILL HARM EFFORTS FOR REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September, 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631 spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish—Muslim cultural sites in the Republic of Cyprus, or the fact that both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have been working to tackle this problem together since 2008, under a Technical Committee established jointly by the leaders of the two communities.

Turkey, a friend of the United States and a NATO ally, has been supportive of the current discussions within the global community and between the two Cypriot leaders. The continuation of these efforts should be encouraged.

Passage of H. Res. 1631 at this time, could provoke a highly negative reaction and completely sidetrack the ongoing reunification process. Instead of a one-sided resolution, this House should commend and endorse the steps taken by both parties to resolve their longstanding dispute and settle their differences together.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. WALTER J. MORRIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. Walter J. Morris.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, Rev. Morris has always been committed to service to the elderly community and serving others. At a very young age, he showed great respect for all people and took an interest in serving others. This was instilled in him from his late parents, Johnny and Emma Morris, who believed in strong morals and values, and respecting oneself and others. He was raised in a very large family, and is number eight of twelve children. He was educated in the Mobile County public school system, and was also the first male to graduate from high school in his family.

Rev. Morris went on to complete his education and graduated from the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen Mechanics Institute's, "Building Construction Superintendence Program" in 1973; Wilfred Academy Cosmetology School in 1993; New York Theological Seminary in 1997; Blanton Peale Graduate Institute in "Pastoral Care Awareness" in 1997; and attended New York College Alliance Theological Seminary, "Pastoral Ministry" and "Biblical Studies" from 2000 to 2003. Professionally, his first job was at Robert Hall Clothes Store. Later he transitioned to H.L. Lazar Inc., where he worked for more than twenty-one years, initially employed as a messenger. During the first sixty days he received two promotions. Rev. Morris received numerous promotions, including Field Service Supervisor in the construction department. He was promoted to Construction Superintendent in 1974, to be named the first Black Superintendent in the company until they went out of business in 1990. He moved on and continued to work in the construction industry until 2006, until retirement.

Rev. Morris has always been a Christian; his first church was Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Mobile, Alabama. He continued his life of ministry at the Bethany Baptist Church, where he served as an Associate Minister under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. William A. Jones, Jr. who licensed him to preach in 1998, and ordained him in 2006. Rev. Morris has been in the community and active at the Bethany Baptist Church for over twenty years in various ministries, visiting the sick and shut-in, praying for people and preaching midweek services.

Rev. Morris served as the Chairman for the clergy group "The Community Benefit Agreement" for the Atlantic Yard Project, and is one of the original signatories. He feels that it is an honor to be able to help someone and encourage our youth to know that there is more to life than going to jail. As of five months ago, he started a new church, The Anointed Church with a Vision, in the Brownsville area, where he is the current and active Assistant Pastor.

God also blessed him seven years ago with a lovely wife, Barbara Morris, and step-daughter, Karen Miller where they currently reside in Brooklyn, New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Rev. Walter J. Morris.

HONORING AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYEE LEARNING WEEK

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Society for Training and Development and to commend them for its annual Employee Learning Week.

The ASTD is the world's largest association dedicated to the training and development field. Each year the ASTD sponsors Employee Learning Week to recognize the value of employee learning and the important link between a knowledgeable, highly skilled workforce and organizational success. This year Employee Learning Week will be celebrated December 6th through the 10th.

The ASTD has been committed to creating a highly skilled workforce that is critical to growing and sustaining a competitive advantage. There are 130 U.S. Chapters and 30 international partners including the Mid New Jersey Chapter with 140 members across Central New Jersey. Led by Peter J. Rizza, ASTD's Mid New Jersey Chapter members consist of training directors and human resource managers from a broad range of business and government agencies.

I applaud ASTD for its positive role in recruiting, training and developing the workers of today and the leaders of tomorrow. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating ASTD and recognizing Employee Learning Week.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSS NORMAN, M. ED.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Russ Norman, an emeritus faculty member at Glendale Community College, whose commitment to education has contributed substantially to student achievement.

Professor Norman began teaching business courses at Glendale Community College in 1955, and continued as a full-time professor until his retirement in 1995. As a dedicated educator, Mr. Norman has continued teaching as an adjunct faculty member since that time. He primarily teaches accounting courses, in addition to written business communications and mathematics of finance courses.

Professor Norman holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education (M. Ed.) from the University of California, Los Angeles.

In his early years at Glendale Community College, Mr. Norman served as coach of the Judo Club. Under his leadership, the club garnered its first Southern California Kodokan Judo Association Collegiate Championship, beating his alma mater, UCLA.

Even more impressively, Mr. Norman's accomplishments stretch far beyond his role as a college instructor and coach. He served on the Board of Governors for the Institute of Internal Auditors, and was the coordinator of a